

a.) Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Original) A peroral preparation for prevention or treatment of atopic dermatitis comprising hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

2. (Original) The peroral preparation according to claim 1, wherein it comprises 0.1 to 90% by weight of hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

3. (Original) The peroral preparation according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the acyl group of N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

4. (Currently Amended) The peroral preparation according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 3, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is N-acetylated derivative, N-propionylated derivative, N-butyrylated derivative or isobutyrylated derivative.

5. (Original) Food and drink or feed for prevention or treatment of atopic dermatitis comprising hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

6. (Original) The food and drink or feed according to claim 5, wherein it comprises 0.1 to 90% by weight of hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

7. (Original) The food and drink or feed according to claim 5 or 6, wherein the acyl group of N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

8. (Currently Amended) The food and drink or feed according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 7, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is N-acetylated derivative, N-propionylated derivative, N-butyrylated derivative or isobutyrylated derivative.

9. (Original) Food additive or feed additive for prevention or treatment of atopic dermatitis comprising hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

10. (Original) The food additive or feed additive according to claim 9, wherein it comprises 0.1 to 90% by weight of hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof.

11. (Original) The food additive or feed additive according to the claim 9 or 10, wherein the acyl group of N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is an acyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms.

12. (Currently Amended) The food additive or feed additive according to ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 11, wherein the N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline is N-acetylated derivative, N-propionylated derivative, N-butyrylated derivative or isobutyrylated derivative.

13. (Original) A method of preventing or treating atopic dermatitis, which comprises orally administering or ingesting hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof in an effective amount.

14. (Original) Use of hydroxyproline or N-acylated derivative of hydroxyproline or a salt thereof for the manufacture of peroral preparation, food, feed, food additive or feed additive for prevention or treatment of atopic dermatitis.